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This is a dictionary of Western Abenaki as it is spoken in the last half of the 20th century. A member of the Algonquin family of languages, Western Abenaki is so named to distinguish it from Penobscot and the extinct Eastern Abenaki dialects of what is now the state of Maine. The Western Abenakis, whose homes are Odanak, Quebec, and the Missiquoi Bay region of Lake Champlain, have been known to English writers as the Saint Francis Indians because of their location on the Saint Francis River and the name of a mission on the Chaudiere River, Saint-Francois-de-Sales. In addition to the Abenaki-English/English-Abenaki word lists, the book provides information on the Western Abenaki language, variation, loan words, pronunciation, spelling, and a guide to the entries, an explanation of grammatical terms and abbreviations, and a list of roots. (NAV)

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